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It appears to His Excellency the Governor to be highly desirable to promote in every way the civilization and improvement of the Aborigines of this Territory, and to extend the measures already in operation for this purpose, His Excellency has directed it to be notified for public information:

1st. That a remission in the purchase of Land to the extent of (£18) eighteen pounds will be allowed to any person who shall produce satisfactory evidence to the Government that a Native has been in his constant employment for the space of two full years, and that he has acquired a competent knowledge and skill in the usual operations of farming, thrashing, reaping, mowing, &c., &c.

2nd. That a remission in the purchase of Land to the extent of (£36) thirty six pounds will be allowed to any person who shall produce satisfactory evidence to the Government that he has instructed a Native in a trade, calling, or handicraft of such a nature as is usually brought under the system of Apprenticeship; and that such Native has acquired such proficiency therein as would in the case of an European apprentice, entitle him to receive his indentures and be treated on the terms of a journeyman. The person applying for such remission will also be required to give the Native such a certificate as will entitle him to be treated as a journeyman.

His Excellency conceives that the object contemplated in this notice will be materially facilitated by the present gradually improving condition of the Aborigines, and by the kind disposition hitherto generally evinced towards them by the Colonists.

*By His Excellency's command,  
PETER BROWN,  
Colonial Secretary.*

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,  
January 12, 1847.*

H. E. the Governor perceiving that considerable misapprehension appears to exist with reference to the true object and intent of the above notice, desires it to be distinctly understood that any Native on whose account the remission is claimed, is expected to be not only entirely weaned from the habits of savage life, but also voluntarily seeking, and likely to continue to seek, a livelihood by some of the occupations of civilized life, of the nature therein specified, and that it is not considered sufficient, that the Native has been employed only to herd cattle or sheep, or as an assistant or mere hanger on about a house or kitchen, from none of which occupations does any beneficial charge appear to be permanently effected in the habits of the savage; and moreover that the sum of £18 having been calculated on the scale of the allowance made at the time for the importation of an adult laborer, satisfactory evidence must be given of the age of the native on whose account the reward is claimed.

*By His Excellency's command,  
G. F. MOORE.  
Colonial Secretary.*

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,  
January 15, 1847.*

H. E. the Governor is pleased to direct the publication for general information, of the Annual Report of the Protector of Natives for the York District, for the year 1846.

*By His Excellency's command,  
G. F. MOORE.  
Colonial Secretary.*

York; Jan. 13, 1847.

Sir,—I beg to furnish you with particulars of affairs connected with the Natives in my district, this being the usual period for sending in the report for His Excellency's consideration.

I am happy to state that nothing of a very serious nature has occurred during the past year, to disturb the good understanding existing between the settlers and the aborigines. Towards the close of the preceding year, they were becoming troublesome to the flock holders of the Toodyay district, and carried off a considerable number of sheep, some stolen from flocks at night, others found astray and driven off, the ringleaders in all these cases, have, by the activity of the police, been apprehended and brought to trial, and are now undergoing sentence of imprisonment at Rottnest Island, some cases of theft have since occurred, most of them however of a trifling nature, and as I make it an invariable rule when practicable, not to allow any offenders to escape unpunished, the constant attention of the police to this plan, deters them from the commission of greater offences.

Whilst on this subject, I beg to recommend the expediency of extending the jurisdiction of Magistrates in cases where natives are concerned, (except in very serious cases). The bulk of complaints against them are for sheep stealing, robbing shepherds huts, barns, and such like offences, for which, in most cases, I am under the necessity of either committing them for trial at the Quarter Sessions, or dismissing the complaint. In adopting the former course, the colony is put to considerable expense in going through the form of trial by jury, when they generally plead guilty, and frequently for the most trifling offence, and, on the other hand, allowing them to go unpunished has the bad effect of emboldening them to become further troublesome to the settlers. Under these circumstances, I would suggest that it would be much better to allow the Magistrates summarily to convict at the time when all the particulars of the offences are fresh in their memories, and upon the spot where the evidence can be procured without much expense.

Having passed the last three months of the year at King George's Sound, I can report favorably of the conduct of the natives there during that period, and of the general good feeling of the inhabitants of the place exhibited towards them; two or three cases of cattle stealing occurred in the early part of the year. Some of these offenders have been brought to trial, the others have absconded to the Toolbrunup Mountains. As there are no mounted Police in that district, it is uncertain when they will be apprehended.

The natives frequenting the country through which the road passes from here to Albany, a distance of 240 miles, with but three stations upon it, are very well behaved, and I have not heard of their ever molesting travellers, who occasionally pass singly the whole way. I will mention a recent instance of their being quietly disposed: a few months since a soldier from the Kojonup station lost his way, and after wandering about for five days unarmed, and without food, he at last came upon a party of natives, strangers to him, who treated him with great kindness, and having built him a hut, and supplied him with plenty of such provisions as they had, they took him home the next day, to the no small gratification of himself and comrades. To encourage this good feeling, I

distributed a quantity of flour amongst about forty natives I found near that station, at the same time explaining to them my motive for so doing.

I still continue to supply, in cases of necessity, with food and medicine, such natives as require medical treatment, and are unable to provide for themselves; it is, however, only in extreme cases, that they will consent to submit to medical treatment.

Considerable inconvenience has almost yearly arisen to the settlers from the practice of the natives setting fire to the country, to assist them in hunting, smoking animals out of hollow trees, &c.; and from the extraordinary dryness of the climate in the summer season, the grass when once ignited burns to an extent, and with a rapidity impossible to check, these fires are frequently accidental; many are caused by the carelessness of the settlers themselves, and I have no doubt that the natives occasionally wilfully set fire to the country for the purpose of annoying the settlers. To meet the latter cases, a legislative enactment is necessary, as I believe the law at present existing will not apply to these cases, I have, however, entered more fully into this subject in my letter of the 2nd March.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) R. H. BLAND,  
Protector of Natives.  
The Honble. the Col. Secretary, Perth.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,  
January 26, 1847.*

Tenders will be received at this Office on Wednesday, the 10th February next, for supplying the undermentioned articles for the Establishment at Rottnest:—

100 lbs. yarn for thatching  
4 pair of strong hinges and screws  
4 pair 3 inch butts and screws  
4 pair 2 inch ditto  
12 nine inch grubbing hoes  
12 five inch ditto  
50 gallons of oil  
1 tank for ditto  
12 large cross cut saw files  
1 chimney bar, chain, and hooks, for barrack

*Timber.*

A ledged door and frame  
4 joists 9 by 3—23ft. long  
2 ditto.....18ft. long  
2 ditto.....20ft. long  
9 ditto.....14ft long  
800 feet run of 1 inch boards  
80 feet ditto 7 by 3 for plates

The above articles to be delivered at the Commissariat Store, and subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Public Works to whom application is to be made for further particulars.

*By His Excellency's command,  
G. F. MOORE.  
Colonial Secretary.*

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth,  
January 25, 1847.*

Persons desirous of Contracting for the Conveyance of the Post Office Mails, from and to the undermentioned places, for One Year, from the 1st April, 1847, are requested to send in their Tenders to this Office, on or before Wednesday, the 17th of March, next.

*Daily.*

Between Fremantle and Perth  
“ Perth and Guildford.

*Once a Week.*  
Between Guildford and Toodyay, via York  
" Fremantle and Bunbury via Man-  
durah and Australind  
" Mandurah and Pinjarrah  
" Bunbury and Busselton

Separate Tenders will also be received  
for the conveyance of the Mail the whole  
distance between Fremantle and Busselton  
*Monthly.*

Between Perth and Albany.  
The several Mails to be carried on horse  
back or in light carts.

Parties tendering or an authorized Agent  
to attend at this Office on the day appointed  
to open the Tenders, and each Tender, is to  
bear the signature of two respectable per-  
sons who are willing to enter into a bond  
with the Contractor for the safe conveyance  
of the mail, and the due performance of the  
contract.

*By His Excellency's command,*  
**G. F. MOORE,**  
Colonial Secretary

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth.*  
*January 22, 1847.*

His Excellency the Governor is pleased

to direct the publication of the following  
List of Officers, who have been appointed  
to carry out the provisions of the Act of  
Council to provide for the construction and  
management of Roads and other internal  
communications:—

*Chairman.*

S. Moore, Esquire.

*Treasurer.*

W. B. Andrews, Esquire.

*Clerk.*

Mr E. Picking

*Committee.*

Messrs. G. Leake, W. Brockman, W. H.

Drake, T. Helms, R. Habgood.

*Directors of Districts.*

*Swan.*

Messrs. W. L. Brockman, W. Shaw, S.

Moore, G. Leake, S. W. Viveash.

*York.*

Messrs. W. Burgess, R. H. Bland, T.

Carter, T. Browne, C. Hinds.

*Toodyay.*

Messrs. S. Phillips, L. Lukin, E. Whitfield

*Northam.*

Messrs. C. Hinds, S. Barker, W. Chidlow

*Beverley.*

Messrs. J. Smith, C. Wittenoom, S. Parker

*Canning.*

Messrs. T. Middleton, Jun. H. Davis,  
Hester, Sen.

*Vasse.*

Messrs. J. Molloy, J. G. Bussel, and  
Chapman.

*Leschenault.*

Messrs G. Elliott M. W. Clifton, T. Liu  
*Pinjarrah.*

Messrs. D. S. Murray, J. Tate, W.  
*Oakeley.*

*Albany.*

Messrs. J. R. Phillips, P. Taylor, and  
Spencer.

*Lakes, near Perth.*

Messrs. T. Helms, G. Shenton, and W.  
Rogers.

*Committee of Tolls, Mahogany Creek.*

Messrs. R. H. Bland, W. Burgess, and  
Hinds.

*By His Excellency's command,*  
**G. F. MOORE,**  
Colonial Secretary.

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